Representation of Sambavars in the Popular Assembly.

145. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any member belonging to the Sambavar community has been nominated to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in 1099;

(*b*) whether a Sambavar gentleman was not being nominated for the last many years to the Assembly; and

(*c*) if no Sambavar has been nominated this year, what the reason is for withholding the privilege from the community this year?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) One was being nominated during some years.

(*c*) There is no hard and fast rule on the subject.

Transfer of Executive Engineers.

146. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to order a general transfer of Executive Engineers in Makaram, 1099?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not contemplate any such general transfer in Makaram, 1099.

Shifting of Agastisvaram Taluk Cutcherry to Nagercoil.

147. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to shift the Agastisvaram Taluk Cutcherry from the present Cutcherry building at Edalakkudi to any convenient building at Nagercoil?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government will look into the matter.

Points of Reference to the Excise Committee.

148. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to refer to the Excise Committee the suggestions of some members of the Legislative Council to amalgamate the Salt Factories and the Nagercoil Excise Division and to abolish the present Alleppey Excise Division?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The committee has been appointed for the purpose of considering the proposals submitted by the Excise Commissioner for the promotion of temperance. Government do not consider it necessary to refer other questions to the committee.

Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao's Claims for Promotion as Division Assistant.

149. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Is it a fact that Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao B. A., *sub. pro tem.* Devaswom Assistant Commissioner, has acted as a Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate for more than one year previous to the Devaswom reorganisation?

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(*b*) Is it proposed to supersede Mr. Srinivasa Rao in filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. P. P. Kurien B. A., Division Assistant, Perumpavur?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Change of Railway Timings.

150. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that two motor buses are running four times daily between Quilon and Trivandrum carrying on an average one hundred passengers who pay a charge of Re. 1 per head?

(*b*) Will it not be possible for the Government to negotiate with the railway authorities to change the timings of the first or the second shuttle train from Quilon to about 9 A. M., so that passengers arriving at Quilon by steam boats might take train to Trivandrum rather than travel in buses, and thereby increase the railway revenue?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is a motor service between Quilon and Trivandrum.

(*b*) The attention of the railway authorities will be drawn to the suggestion.

Extension of Service to Mr. R. Viraraghava Aiyangar.

151. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to give an assurance that they will not give any extension of service to Rao Bahadur R. Viraraghava Aiyangar, Chief Justice?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are unable to give any kind of assurance.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state why they are unable to give an assurance in the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the obvious reason that the appointment of the Chief Justice is one of the two appointments made direct by His Highness the Maha Raja.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has he applied for any extension?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government propose to give an extension to him?

PRESIDENT: That has already been answered.

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